I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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13/04/2012: Look for Mathias DJ9MD, Jan DK7JAN, Jens DK8MIL and Mike DL7MUK to be active as DF0TM from Ruegen Island (EU-057, GIA O-007, WLOTA 1712) from 13-16 April, 2012. Activity will be mostly on 80 metre and 20 metre SSB. QSL via DF0TM, Bureau or direct. Website: www.df0tm.de/ [rsgbiota.org]

13/04/2012: On the 13th and 14th of April 2012 the Radio Club of la Porte des Alpes F6KEX will activate the Castle of Virieu (DFCF 38-028), located in the commune of Virieu sur Bourbre (CP 38730, WW Loc. JN25NP), Department Isere/38 and Province Rhone Alpes (DPF 22). QRV on all HF bands, plus VHF, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via F6KEX, direct or Bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

13/04/2012: The E.M.E. Guadeloupe Club Station FG4KH is once again active on 2 metre EME from Sainte Anne, island of Guadeloupe (IOTA NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WFF FFF-004, WLOTA 0644, WW Loc FK96HF), until 26 April, 2012. QRV in JT65B on 144 MHz via EME. QSL direct to F1DUZ. Further information can be found on their website at: fgdxpeditionf1duz.monsite-orange.fr [DX Newsletter]

13/04/2012: From 13th April till 23rd April 2012 Michael, DB5MH, will be on a backcountry skiing trip on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125), Svalbard archipelago, starting off from the Norwegian settlement of Longyearbyn towards the Russian mining village of Barentsburg and from there heading towards Van Miljenfjord and later returning back to Longyearbyn. During the trip he will use his solar powered QRP equipment (FT817 - 5W) to activate Svalbard on 20m at around 14315 Mhz, using the callsign JW/DB5MH. Skeds are at 1915, 2015, 2115 and 2215 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Website: www.diskoisland.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

13/04/2012: Sadao, JA1PBV, is currently active as VK9XS from Christmas Island (OC-002, WFF VKFF-098, Grid Loc. OH29) until 17 April, 2012. QRV on HF and 6m, mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Online logsearch can be found at ClubLog. Website: ito110.com/ [dx-world.net]

13/04/2012: Martin, G3ZAY and Hugo, M0HSW plan to hand out some IOTA points from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066, USi CA016S, WLOTA 2912, Los Angeles County), California, signing NU2L/6 and W6/M0HSW from April 13-15, 2012. Look for them on the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via their home callsigns. [DX Newsletter]

13/04/2012: Barry, ZL1DD, is currently active as XU7AEL from the Samkam Beach Hotel, Sihanoukville City (Kompong Som), Kingdom of Cambodia, until 21 April, 2012. QRV on 80-6 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

14/04/2012: Members from the Papa Lima DX Group plan to be active as EJ0PL from the Saltee Islands (EU-103) on 14-15 April, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via EI5JQ. Further information to follow. [dx-world.net]

15/04/2012: Roberto CE3CT, Pedro CE3FZ and Luc LU1FAM will be active as 3G7C from Isla Grande de Chilo?, Los Lagos Region, Chile (SA-018, DICE ICE-701, WLOTA 0750), on 15-18 April, 2012. They will have two stations active on 80-10m CW,

SSB and RTTY, with a focus on 30 metres and the low bands. QSL direct to CE3FZ (Pedro Barroso, P.O. Box 3159, Santiago, Chile). Further information can be found at: 3g7c.blogspot.es/ [425 DX News]

15/04/2012: Francois, ON4LO, will be active as 5P4LO from Romo island (EU-125, DIA NS-001) between 15-20 April, 2012. Plans are to operate on 80-10 metre SSB, RTTY AND PSK. QSL via ON4LO, Bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

15/04/2012: Members of the Macclesfield & District Amateur Radio Society (GX4MWS) will be active as GS4MWS/p from the Isle of Colonsay (EU-008, IOSA NH19, SCOTIA DI05, WLOTA 1574) between 15-21 April, 2012. QSL via Adrian, M0PAI. [425 DX News]

16/04/2012: Wim, ON4CIT and Paul, ON4BEC will be active from the island of St. Barthelemy (NA-146, WLOTA 0377) as TO3X between 16-30 April, 2012. Look for them on 40-6m, mostly on SSB and RTTY with some CW. Six metre frequencies will be 50.120 MHz USB, 50.090 MHz CW and 50.200 MHz RTTY. QSL via ON4CIT, direct or Bureau. Website: www.dxpedition.be/TO3X.html [dx-world.net]

18/04/2012: Look for Harry, W6DXO, to be active holiday style on the HF bands from Cruz Bay, island of St. John (NA-106, WLOTA 2416), US Virgin Islands, from 18-23 April, 2012. QSL direct to KF6JOQ. [Pete at the DX-News-Desk]

18/04/2012: Craig, VK8AS, has announced the he will be active as VK8BI from Bremer Island (OC-185) on 18-23 April, 2012. He will be running 400W into a Spiderbeam yagi for 10-12-15-17-20 on a 10m metre mast. Operation will be SSB only (although he will have the capability of running PSK31/RTTY at rare moments). OC-185 was last activated in 2004 for two days and prior to that in 1999 and is only claimed by 20% of IOTA program participants. A strong focus will be on North America and Europe. QSL via home call. Updates and further information at: oc185.blogspot.com/ [Pete at the DX-News-Desk]

18/04/2012: Masahiko, JH4VUC, will once again be active from the island of Saipan, North Mariana Islands (OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333, WW Loc. QK25UE), from 18-21 April, 2012. Expect activity on all HF bands and modes. QSL direct to his home callsign (JH4VUC 3-6-62, Hiro-Ooshingai, Kure-City, Hioshima-Pref., Japan 737-0141). [DXAT]

19/04/2012: Mal, VK6LC, plans to be active as XV4LC from Vinh Long, Vietnam, between 19-24 April, 2012. QRV on 20m and 17m only, CW/SSB, whilst testing new portable station in the Mekong Delta. QSL via VK6LC (QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

19/04/2012: A team from the Caracas DX Group will be active as YX5P from the rare Patos Island (SA-048, DIV-068, WLOTA 0499, WW Loc. FK90BP) between 19-22 April, 2012. This is only the second expedition to take place from Patos, due to its remoteness and difficult access. The first DXpedition was made by the CDXG 21 years ago, making it the most requested and sought after IOTA in Venezuela. The team will operate on all HF bands and modes. QSL via DM4TI. Website: www.qrz.com/db/YX5P [dx-world.net]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

21/04/2012: The Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society (CARS) will be operating as GB100MWT for International Marconi Day on 21 April, 2012. QRV on the HF bands, CW and SSB, from the Marconi Hut at Sandford Mill and from a tent using AM from a Marconi 1154 Transmitter with a 1155 Receiver operated by Peter Bridgeman, G3SUY. QSL via RSGB Bureau or direct to G0MWT (QRZ.com). All contacted will be eligible for the Marconi Award. [Southgate ARC]

21/04/2012: The Telford & District Amateur Radio Society will be active as GB8MD for International Marconi Day on 21 April, 2012. They will operate from a field adjacent to the Marconi Receiving site at Tywyn, Gwynedd County, Wales (WAB SH50, WW Loc. IO72XN, EU-005, WLOTA 0453). Their aim is to beat last year's record of 470 contacts in 34 different countries in SSB and CW. QSL is via RSGB Bureau or direct to M0PNN. Website: www.tdars.org.uk/ [Southgate ARC]

22/04/2012: Jeff, VA3QSL, will be active holiday style from KP4 (IOTA NA-099) Puerto Rico (USi PR006S, WLOTA 2802), including two days on the island of Vieques (USi PR-007S, WLOTA 4042), between 22 April and 4 May, 2012. QRV as KP4/VA3QSL near the IOTA frequencies on 40, 20 and 6 metres, using SSB and CW. Jeff hopes to activate some lighthouses too. He will be using 100 Watts max with a dipole and hamsticks. QSL via home call, direct (with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage) or Bureau. [VA3QSL]

30/04/2012: Yuki, JO2ASQ/8, will be active from Rishiri Island (AS-147, WLOTA 2760) and Rebun Island (AS-147, WLOTA 2805) between 30 April and 3 May, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [dx-world.net]

01/05/2012: Special event station EM350S will be active from 01 May to 30 June 2012 to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Ivano-Frankivsk city [1662-2012] (Grid Loc. KN28), Ukraine. QRV on all HF bands and 6 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via UW8SM direct, Bureau, LoTW and eQSL. [UW8SM]

11/05/2012: Ric, DL2VFR and Norbert, DL2RNS will be active from Orust Island (EU-043) as SD7V/6 and SD7N/6, respectively, from 11-14 May, 2012. They will be QRV on the HF bands, CW, SSB, with high power. QSL via home calls, Bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

16/05/2012: Look for Ric, DL2VFR and Norbert, DL2RNS to be active as LA/homecalls from the Hvaler Islands (EU-061) between 16-21 May, 2012. QRV on the HF bands, running high power CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

23/05/2012: Look for Jeff, N6GQ, to be active from the island of Rhodes (EU-001, GIOTA DKS-006, MIA MGD-028, WLOTA 0045) as SV5/N6GQ from 23-28 May, 2012. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/QRP entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (26-27 May). QSL direct only to his home callsign. [NG3K]

26/05/2012: Henning, OU2I / OZ1BII, will be active as XP2I in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (26-27 May) from the QTH of Jesper, OX3KQ, in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (NA-018, WFF OZFF-006, WLOTA 0072, WW Loc. GP47PA). Plans are for a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via OZ1BII, direct or Bureau. [NG3K]

28/05/2012: Jeff, N6GQ, plans to activate various islands in the IOTA EU-049 and EU-052 groups as SV8/N6GQ between 28 May and 17 June, 2012. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

02/06/2012: From 2nd to 4th June 2012, Brazos Valley ARC members Bill WS5H, Bob N5JSL and Ron K5HM will be operating as KK5W from the radio rooms of WWII Submarine USS Cavalla and Destroyer USS Stewart from Seawolf Park on Pelican Island (NA-143, USi TX008S, Galveston County), in Galveston, Texas. This will be part of Museum Ships Weekend 2012. QSL direct to KK5W (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

15/06/2012: The Burnaby Amateur Radio Club (VE7BAR) has been granted permission to use the special event callsign CG7CWPC to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the C.W. Parker Carousel at the Burnaby Village Museum. QRV on all HF bands and modes from 15 June to 15 July, 2012. QSL via Eric VE7EES, direct or Bureau. Website: www.ve7bar.org/ [RAC]

16/06/2012: [UPDATED] Richard, SM2TOS, and some other radio amateurs, using the callsign SE2EE, will make an expedition to the Lancaster bomber, which crashed at Porjus (WW Loc. JP97UA) in Sweden on 29 October 1944. The "Easy Elsie" Avro Lanchaster bomber Mk1 NF920 was one of 37 Lancaster bombers on mission to sink the German battleship Tirpitz in Norway 1944. The provisional date for the expedition will be 16-17 June, 2012. QSL via SM2TOS. You can find more information and pictures from the last expedition to the Lancaster bomber "Easy Elsie", if you look at SE2EE on QRZ.com. You can also find the website at: www.sm2tos.se/easyelsie/eng [Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

17/06/2012: Jeff, N6GQ, will be active holiday style on the HF bands from the island of Malta (EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113) as 9H3ZZ from 17-29 June, 2012. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [NG3K]

21/06/2012: Dave, W9DR, will be operating from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023, WW Loc. FK78TR) on 6 metre CW and SSB between 21 June and 2 July, 2012. The call will be VP2V/W9DR and he will be on 50.115.6 Mhz CW and 50.115 Mhz SSB. He can work AM and FM on 6 meters also! Dave will be using SDR-1500 Rig with a HB Solid State Amp and a 6 element Innovantennas Yagi. Please submit conformation request (QSL) to W9DR's home address (QRZ.com). [MMMonVHF]

23/06/2012: The Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society (CARS) will again be operating as GB100MWT from Sandford Mill Museum on on Saturday, 23 June 2012 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of Marconi's Factory in New Street which was the world's first purpose-built wireless factory. "Marconi Day at Sandford Mill". QSL via RSGB Bureau or direct to G0MWT (QRZ.com). [Southgate ARC]

27/07/2012: Look for Friedrich, DL4BBH and Ric, DL2VFR to activate the special callsign DM50IOTA from Borkum Island (EU-047, GIA N-001, WLOTA 1022) from 27-29 July, 2012. This will include an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July). QRV on all HF bands and modes, propagation permitting. QSL direct or Bureau to DM50IOTA. [rsgbiota.org]

27/07/2012: Operators Vin IK7IMO, Piero IK7VJX and Roby IK7XIV will be active as IJ7A from Isola San Pietro (EU-073, IIA TA-002, MIA MI-094) from 27-31 July, 2012. This will include a Multi-? entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July). QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via IK7IMO. [DXAT]

28/07/2012: Operators Marcelo PY1MT, Moreira PU1MMZ, Mauricio PU1SET, Jose PY1MX and Jair PY1HS will be active as ZV1M during the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July) from Itacuruca Island (SA-029, DIB RJ-08), Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil. QSL via PY1MT, direct only with SASE/SAE + $2 (no IRC). Website: www.casadoradioamador.blogspot.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

29/09/2012: Operators Jiri OK1IEC, Rudolf OK1HWS, Jan OK1JK and Vlasta OK1UXH plan to be active as 9A8OK from Palagruza Island (EU-090, ACIA IC-901, CIA-33, IOCA CI-084, MIA MC-284) and lighthouse (ARLHS CRO-012, CLH-100, TWLHD WLH 9A-046, WLOTA 0057, WW Loc. JN82DJ) between 29 September and 6 October, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL direct or bureau to OK1HWS. Website: jan.kepic.cz/view.php?cisloclanku=2012020002 [rsgbiota.org]

23/10/2012: Jeff, N6GQ, will be active as YN2AA from Grenada (WW Loc. EK71AU), Nicaragua, from 23-29 October, 2012. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (27-28 October). QRV 160-6 metres, all modes. Jeff may even try some 6M JT65 EME. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN3W. [NG3K]

27/10/2012: Mark, M0DXR (FOC #1932), will be active from the island of Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA 0051, CQ zone 20) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power

entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (27-28 October), using the callsign 5B/M0DXR. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

21/02/2013: Members of the Palos Verdes ARC, namely Ray N6HE, Jeff K6JW, Joe NZ6L, Clay AB9A, Diana AI6DF, Bill KG6WVF, Dan K6DPY, Steve K6NT and Bob W6HIP will be active as K6PV/6 from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066, USi CA016S, WLOTA 2912, Los Angeles County), California, from 21-24 February, 2013. Activity could be CQWW 160 SSB Contest .. NAQP RTTY Contest .. 80-40-20-17?-15-12?-10M SSB, CW, maybe RTTY. Their focus is to have fun. QSL via K6PV (see QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

13/04/2012: This year sees the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster and the opening of Marconi's New Street Factory. Chelmsford Museum are holding an exhibition 'Marconi and the sea' to commemorate the events. The Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society (CARS) will be running the special event station GB100MWT during 13-15 April, 2012. CARS will be operating from BAE Systems, Great Baddow on Friday, 13th April and Sunday 15th April and on Saturaday 14th April from Oaklands Museum. QSL via RSGB Bureau or direct to G0MWT (QRZ.com). [Southgate ARC]

13/04/2012: The Southampton Amateur Radio Club (G3SOU and G8FAB) will be operating a Special Event Station GB1HMGY on the weekend 13th - 15th April 2012 from Mayflower Park, Southampton, to mark the 100th anniversary of the loss of the RMS Titanic. QSL via the information on QRZ.com.

13/04/2012: On April 18, 2012 Grupo DXXE will celebrate the World Amateur Radio Day on the 87th Anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union, IARU. This year's theme for the World Amateur Radio Day is "Amateur Radio Satellites: Celebrating 50 Years in Space" in remembrance of the launching of OSCAR 1 on December 12, 1961 and the launch of OSCAR 2 on June 2, 1962. For this reason Grupo DXXE will activate the special callsign 6H6IARU from 13-18 April, 2012 on all bands from 160 to 6 metres and of course amateur radio satellites from different Grid Locators throughout Mexico. QSL via N7RO, direct and LoTW. QSOs with this station are valid for the IARU Region 2 award (www.iaru-r2.org/new-iaru-r2-award/), the various FMRE awards (www.fmre.org.mx/diplomas/DIPLOMAS.htm) and the DXXE award (www.dxxe.org/der6-eng.html). Website: www.qrz.com/db/6H6IARU [XE1R]

14/04/2012: UBA Sectie ON4EKO will activate the special event station ON100TT to commemorate the RMS Titanic Centenery between 14 April and 31 December, 2012. QRV on all HF and VHF bands, using all modes. QSL via ON4WDL, direct (with SAE + 2 green stamps) or by the Bureau. [UBA HF News]

14/04/2012: The special event station GB100MUC will be active on 14-15th April, 2012. MUC was the callsign of the Titanic before the ship left Southampton. The call was changed to MGY after leaving the port. QSL via the RSGB Bureau. [DX Newsletter]

14/04/2012: Cork Harbour, Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA 2484), was the last port of call of the RMS Titanic on her maiden and final voyage. EI100T is another special callsign to commemorate the Titanic Centenery, and it will be used throughout 2012 by members of the Cork Radio Club. During the weekend of 14-15 April it will be operated as a special event station. QSL via EI4HQ. [425 DX News]

14/04/2012: Special event callsign DT12AWC will be activated on 14-30 April for the 2012 Asian Weightlifting Championships to be held in Pyeongtaek, Gyeonggi

Province, Sudogwon Region, South Korea (Grid Loc. PM37). Plans are to be QRV on 80m-10m and 6m/2m CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31, and FM(2m). QSL via DS2GOO, Bureau or direct. [425 DX News]

14/04/2012: Blackwood & District Amateur Radio Society (GW6GW) in partnership with the Candle Workshops based at Gelligroes Mill will commemorate the sinking of the RMS Titanic 100 years Centenary in 2012. Gelligroes Mill, where Artie Moore was the first land based radio receiver to hear the SOS signal from RMS Titanic. GB100GGM has been granted by OFCOM for this event. The event will start at 0000 AM 14th April thru to 1800 on the 15th April, 2012. There will be two stations in operation, CW and SSB, on all bands (SORRY NO PLANNED DATA). QSL via MW0LAO, direct or Bureau. [G0KOK]

15/04/2012: VI4MGY is a special event callsign for the 100 year centenery of the sinking of the Titanic. Operation is to be held at South Bank near the Queensland Maritime Museum, South Bank, Brisbane, Australia (OC-001, WLOTA 1520). The event will be held on the 15th of April 2012, with the help of the Redcliffe and Districts Radio Club. MGY was the call sign of the ill-fated ship. Note that this special event license is valid between 15th-22nd April, so the callsign will be aired anytime during this time frame. QSL via QRZ.com. [ZL2AOH]

15/04/2012: The special event station GB0TI will be activated in CW on the HF bands on 15 April 2012 (0900 - 1700 UTC) to remember the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. QSL via the RSGB Bureau. [DX Newsletter]

15/04/2012: The Dover Amateur Radio Club will be running special event station GB2ICE, all day on the 15th of April, in honour of Jack Phillips Chief Marconi Wireless Operator aboard the RMS Titanic. Jack stayed with his key and perished with the ship (25yrs old). Activity will be CW only on the HF bands. QSL via G0KOK, direct or by the RSGB Bureau. [G0KOK]

17/04/2012: Special callsign HF87WARD will be activated by members of the SP-CFF (SP0CFF). This station will be active from 17-30 April, 2012. QSL via eQSL.cc and WFF LogSerach. For those who want to send card direct, please send SASE to: Polish Club Flora & Fauna, Suchacz, Wielmozy 5b, 82-340 Tolkmicko, Poland. They will even have an award for this operation. [XE1R]

18/04/2012: Look for the Liberia Radio Amateur Association to be active as EL2RL to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 18 April, 2012. QRV on 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to EL2BA. [XE1R]

18/04/2012: The Union Schweizerischer Kurzwellen-Amateure will be active, for World Amateur Radio Day, as HB9WARD on 18 April, 2012. This first time callsign will be on the air by HB9JOE and a group of radio amateurs from Bern. QSL via HB9JOE. [XE1R]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

13/04-16/04 DF0TM: Ruegen Island WLOTA:1712 QSL DF0TM (d/b)
13/04-15/04 GB100MWT: England (Main Island) WLOTA:1841 QSL RSGB Buro
13/04-23/04 JW/DB5MH: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL HC (d/b)
13/04-15/04 NU2L/6: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL HC (d/b)
13/04-15/04 W6/M0HSW: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL HC (d/b)
18/04-27/04 E51BKM: Aitutaki OC-083 Grid:BH01 6m 100W 5el QSL VK4FI (d)
18/04-27/04 E51GMH: Aitutaki OC-083 Grid:BH01 6m 100W 5el QSL VK4FI (d)
14/04-15/04 EI100T: Ireland (Eire) WLOTA:2484 QSL EI4HQ (d/b)
14/04-15/04 GB100GGM: Wales (Main Island) WLOTA:0453 QSL MW0LAO (d/b)

14/04-15/04 GB100MUC: England (Main Island) WLOTA:1841 QSL RSGB Buro
14/04-15/04 VO1MCE: Cape Race WLOL:CAN-118 WLOTA:0345 QSL VO1VCE (d/b)
15/04-18/04 3G7C: Isla Chiloe WLOTA:0750 QSL CE3FZ (d)
15/04 GB0TI: England (Main Island) WLOTA:1841 QSL RSGB Buro
15/04 GB2ICE: England (Main Island) WLOTA:1841 QSL RSGB Buro
15/04-21/04 GS4MWS/P: Colonsay Island WLOTA:1574 QSL M0PAI (d/b)
15/04-22/04 VI4MGY: Australia (main island) WLOTA:1520 QSL QRZ.com
18/04-23/04 KP2/W6DXO: Saint John Island WLOTA:2416 QSL KF6JOQ (d)
18/04-21/04 WH0VU: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL JH4VUC (d)
19/04-22/04 YX5P: Isla Patos WLOTA:0499 QSL DM4TI (d)
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6 METRES & UP -

13/04-18/04 6H6IARU: Mexico various grids 6m + Satellites QSL N7RO (d)
14/04-15/04 Montana QSO Party includes 6m-70cm 14 0000z-15 2400z
14/04 SP JT65a Tropo Contest 144 MHz/Open Class 14 0600z-1000z
14/04 Contest Lazio 50 MHz CW/SSB/Fixed/Portable 14 1100z-1700z
14/04-15/04 New Mexico QSO Party 6m Phone/CW 14 1400z-15 0200z
14/04-15/04 Georgia QSO Party 6m included 14 1800z-15 2359z
14/04-15/04 QCWA Spring QSO Party 6m&Up included 14 1800z-15 1800z
14/04-30/04 DT12AWC: SES S. Korea Grid:PM37 6m/2m all mode QSL DS2GOO (d/b)
15/04 RSGB First 50MHz Contest SO/Fixed/Open 0900z-1200z
16/04-30/04 TO3X: St. Barthelemy 50.120USB 50.090CW 50.200RTTY QSL ON4CIT (d/b)
17/04 LY 1296MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 17 1700z-2059z
17/04 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 17 1700z-2100z
17/04 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
17/04 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints 222MHz 17 1900-2300 local time
19/04 NRAU 70MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 19 1700z-2100z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_apr.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 12 April, 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

Press Release
HK0NA QSL update
April 11, 2012

The HK0NA QSL design has been completed and they are in the process of being printed. We expect delivery by the end of April.

Our QSL Manager N2OO is posting QSL processing updates online at www.sjdxa.org/hk0na.htm. Watch this link for QSL updates.

Please understand that this QSL operation will take time to process. Please be patient. It is anticipated that cards should START to go out in the May-June timeframe.

Cards will NOT be mailed all at once. They will be going out slowly as they are processed.

A sample of the HK0NA QSL card be seen on our website (www.hk0na.com). We wish to thank Stan SQ8X for the beautiful design work and Everett WZ8P of Franklin Printing for offering printing services.

Remember that the fastest and most popular way to get your HK0NA QSL is to the use the Online Qsl Request System (OQRS).

The HK0NA team hopes you enjoy the beautiful card. A lot of effort went into its design!

QSLs via Bureau: 5X1NH, 9L5MS, KL7YK, PS2T, TP5?CE, YC9BEC and ZL3IO.

QSLs via Direct: 3B9/OE4AAC (H/c), 3D2T (VK4FW/OQRS), 4W?VB (UA4WHX), FK8CP (QRZ.com), ET3AA (QRZ.com), HU2DX (DH7WW), J38A (K4LTA), J7Y (K1LI), KG2A/VP9 (H/c), LA7QIA [EU-055] (QRZ.com), NP4A (W3HNK), PJ4C (F9IE), PS5F [SA-088] (PP5BZ), T2T (VK4FW/OQRS), T2V (OQRS), TO4M (IK5CRH), TX6T (OQRS), TX6T/P (OQRS), VP2EC (N5AU), VP5OU (N7OU), VP6T (OQRS), XF1AA [NA-189] (IT9EJW) and ZD7XF (G3TXF).

QSLs via LoTW: 3W7W, 9A5Y, 9A8A, C6AKQ, C6ANM, CO2WF, CR3A, CR6K, CW5W, DL2DX, EF8USA, FY5KE, HP1WW, HQ2N, II9T, IQ2LS, JA1YPA, JG3RPL, KH6CW, KH6LC, KH7X, KH7Y, KL7RA, LS1D, LZ9W, NH2T, OE3K, OM5M, P4?W, P49Y, PJ2T, PJ4X, PV8DX, PY3VK, PV8ADI, PZ5P, SN7Q, TI5N, TI5W, TM6M, TM9R, TO5X, UT2IO, V31RR, VP5OU, XE1CT, XE1EE, YW5T, ZD7XF, ZF2AM and ZS6EZ.

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LINKS -

IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/

WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html

WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/

WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/

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BITS & PIECES -

5V - TOGO -

Wim, ON4CIT, is planning to activate Togo as 5V7TH at the end of 2012 or beginning of 2013. More info coming soon. You can check some of Wim's operations at his at his QRZ.com page: www.qrz.com/db/ON4CIT [dx-world.net]

F - FRANCE -

Christian, F4CIF, will activate the Castle of Moulerens ? Gradignan (DFCF 33-189) using the callsign F1HRU/p on 14 April, 2012. QSL via F1HRU, Bureau or direct.

KP2 - USVI -

N2TTA has announced that he will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (26-27 May 26-27) as a Single-Op/All-Band, using the callsign KP2MM from St. Croix, USVI (CQ zone 8). QSL direct to N2TTA and LoTW. [NG3K]

ZD8 - ASCENSION ISLAND -

W6NV has announced that he will be active as ZD8W in the CQWW DX CW Contest (24-25 November) from Ascension Island. Plans are for a Single-Op entry from CQ zone 36. QSL via W6NV, direct only. [NG3K]

Attention BRF Titanic Award (12/04/12)

Brave Radio Friends **decided to sponsor a Titanic Award for all those who manage to work or hear (SWL) five of the Titanic special stations listed on the website given below in April 2012. It can only be applied for electronically through e-mail to DE3EAR (de3ear[at]darc.de) and it will only be sent electronically as a pdf. No award fees.

http://coastradio.intco.biz/maritime/ships/titanic/Titanic-2012.htm

73s Hans DE3EAR
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Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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